Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 QUITO 00213 091814Z

70
ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NIC-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 IO-10 /071 W
---------- 108153
R 091710Z JAN 75
FM AMEMBASSY QUITO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3969
INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL
AMEMBASSY LIMA
AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0213

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EC, PE
SUBJECT: ECUADOR/PERU BORDER SITUATION

REF.: A) QUITO 8080 B) QUITO 8243

1. SUMMARY: SOUNDINGS IN QUITO SUGGEST THAT ECUADOREANS AND PERUVIANS EXPLORED POSSIBILITY OF JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON BORDER ISSUE PRIOR TO DECEMBER AYACUCHO CELEBRATION. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE GOE AND PERUVIANS SIGNED A SECRET AGREEMENT IN WHICH PERU ACKNOWLEDGED IN GENERAL TERMS THAT ECUAODR IS AN AMAZONIC NATION; BUT FOLLOW-UP JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT BY TWO PRESIDENTS CONFIRMING SECRET ACCORD FAILED TO MATERIALIZE AND PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ THEREFORE DID NOT ATTEND AYACUCHO CREMONIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IN ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION NOT TO GO TO LIMA IN DECEMBER, PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ MADE THE FOLLOWING ELLIPTICAL STATEMENT: "...THE PURPOSES WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE MY VISIT TO PERU AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE ADVANTAGEOUS AND FAVORABLE DID NOT MATERIALIZE TO THE EXTENT INDISPENSABLE FOR ITS (THE VISIT'S) VIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY." (SEE QUITO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 QUITO 00213 091814Z

8243) EMBASSY SPECULATED AT THAT TIME THAT GOE QUID

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

PRO QUO FOR PRESIDENTIAL ATTENDANCE AT AYACUCHO HAD
BEEN SOME PERUVIAN CONCESSION ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE
AND THAT FOREGOING STATEMENT IMPLIED THAT MATTER HAD
IN FACT BEEN DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY WITH PERUVIANS.

3. WE HAVE NOW HAD THREE CONVERSATIONS WITH WELL-
PLACED SOURCES WHICH TEND TO CONFIRM FOREGOING
SPECULATIONS. FIRST WAS WITH GOE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
AMBASSADOR MIGUE VASCO ON DECEMBER 5 WHO, IN BRIEF
REMARKS TO POLCOUNS, STATED FLATLY THAT AN ATTEMPT
HAD BEEN MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON BORDER ISSUE IN
FORM OF "STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES" BUT IT HAD FALLEN
THROUGH. NEXT IN TALK WITH ACTING FOREIGN OFFICE
LEGAL ADVISOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE ON DECEMBER 16,
BUSTAMANTE SAID THAT ATTEMPT TO REACH SOME SORT OF
ACCORD HAD BEEN MADE BUT THAT IN THE END PERUVIANS
HAD BEEN UNABLE TO SIGN ON FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL
REASONS. HE SURMISED THAT WITH RECENT FUROR OVER
JAPANESE CONTRACT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF POLITICAL UNREST
IN LIMA, TIMING WAS SIMPLY NOT RIGHT FOR PERUVIANS
TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS TO ECUADOR. REGRETTABLY,
BUSTAMANTE DID NOT ELABORATE ON DETAILS OF POSSIBLE
TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT.

4. MOST INTRIGUING AND DETAILED ACCOUNT WE HAVE HEARD
THUS FAR IS FROM COLUMNIST AND FORMER MINISTER
DR. JULIO PRADO, WHO CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN VERY CLOSE
CONTACT WITH GOE FOREIGN MINISTRY. PRADO TOLD POLCOUNS
AND ANOTHER EMBOFF ON JANUARY 6 THAT BORDER ISSUE
HAD INDEED BEEN DISCUSSED IN EXTENSO THROUGHOUT
NOVEMBER CULMINATING IN A SECRET ACCORD SIGNED LATE
THAT MONTH IN QUITO BETWEEN PERUVIAN DIPLOMAT GARCIA
BEDOYA AND GOE FOREIGN MINISTER IN WHICH PERU ACKNOW-
LEDGED THAT ECUADOR IS AN AMAZONIC NATION. NEXT STEP
WAS TO BE A JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENT TO IDENTICAL EFFECT
BY PERUVIAN AND ECUADORIAN PRESIDENTS PRIOR TO AYACUCHO
MEETING. BUT, PRADO SAYS, GOP GOT COLD FEET AND ENTIRE
MATTER HAS BEEN PUT ON THE BACK BURNER. PRADO COMMENTED
THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT WOULD HAVE REPRESENTED TREMENDOUS
DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR ECUADOR. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 QUITO 00213 091814Z

BEEN STRATEGICALLY USEFUL TO PERU IN TERMS OF COVERING
ITS FLANKS IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE EVENTUAL CONFLICT
WITH CHILE.

5. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE CONVINCED BY FOREGOING THAT
SOME SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON BORDER ISSUE TOOK PLACE
BETWEEN PERU AND ECUADOR PRIOR TO AYACUCHO, WE FEEL
THAT PRADO'S REPORT REGARDING THE SIGNING OF A

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

SECRET AGREEMENT REQUIRES SEPARATE CONFIRMATION BEFORE
IT CAN BE CONSIDERED RELIABLE. EMBASSY INTENDS TO
TAKE FURTHER DISCREET SOUNDINGS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE
SOURCES.

6. FOR LIMA: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT YOU CAN SHED
ON REPORTED GOE/GOP BORDER DISCUSSIONS.
HEMENWAY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, BOUNDARY CLAIMS, CHIEF OF STATE VISITS, REPRESENTATION AT CEREMONIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 JAN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975QUITO00213
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750009-0573
From: QUITO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750166/aaaacflb.tel
Line Count: 123
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75, 75 QUITO 8243
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 SEP 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <20 NOV 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ECUADOR/PERU BORDER SITUATION
TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, EC, PE, (RODRIGUEZ LARA, GUILLERMO A)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006